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ARIZONA CATTLE ON FEED INVENTORY UP 10 PERCENT

On February 1, 2005, Arizona had 325,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 10 percent from a year ago, but down 6,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 27,000 head, 16 percent below January 2004. During January 30,000 head were marketed, up 15 percent from last January.

On February 1, 2005, California had 525,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 5 percent from last February, but down 10,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 59,000 head, 7 percent above last year. During January, 63,000 head were marketed, an increase of 5 percent from January 2004.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.3 million head on February 1, 2005. The inventory was 2 percent above February 1, 2004, and 6 percent above February 1, 2003. Placements in feedlots during January totaled 1.89 million, 7 percent above 2004 but 10 percent below 2003. Net placements were 1.81 million. During January, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 380,000, 600-699 pounds were 458,000, 700-799 pounds were 628,000, and

800 pounds and greater were 419,000. Marketings of fed cattle during January totaled 1.78 million, up slightly from 2004 but down 10 percent from 2003. Other disappearance totaled 74,000 during January, 21 percent below 2004 and 1 percent below 2003.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head represented 82.2 percent of all cattle and calves on feed in the United States on January 1, 2005, up from 81.5 percent on January 1, 2004. Marketings of fed cattle for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head during 2004 represented 85.3 percent all cattle marketed from feedlots in the United States, up from 85.1 percent during 2003.

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